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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT DECIDES NOT TO VISIT US

REF: STATE 214584

1. CONGRESSMAN RANGEL'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF NOTIFICATION BY AMBASSADOR PEAL TO CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS (CBC) THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS DECLINED CBC'S INVITATION TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT CBC'S ANNUAL DINNER. PEAL REPORTEDLY SAID TOLBERT'S DECISION BASED ON NEED FOR HIM TO FOCUS ON INTERNAL EVENTS IN LIBERIA AS WELL AS PROXIMITY OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

2. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MULCAHY AND BLAKE, TOGETHER WITH ACTING DIRECTOR AF/W MET WITH CONGRESSMAN RANGEL SEPTEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS WHAT MIGHT BE SAID TO TOLBERT BY SENIOR USG OFFICIALS DURING PROPOSED VISIT. RANGEL WAS INFORMED THAT WHILE NO FIGURE CAN BE CITED, TOLBERT WOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT THOSE USG OFFICIALS WITH SECRET

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WHOM HE MET COULD BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH

THE US WOULD BE READY TO OFFER ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
IN LIBERIA'S DEVELOPMENT. RURAL DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION,
AND HEALTH WERE SPECIFIED AS POSSIBLE FIELDS FOR ADDITIONAL
US AID.

3. CONGRESSMAN RANGEL INTENDED TO INFORM AMBASSADOR PEAL
OF THE CONTENT OF HIS DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR MULCAHY
ET AL. PEAL PRESUMABLY REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO
LIBERIA.

4. WITHOUT PUTTING EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON LOCAL SOURCES,
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO USE ALL MEANS AVAILABLE TO IT
IN EFFORT OBTAIN BACKGROUND TO TOLBERT'S DECISION NOT TO
VISIT US. KISSINGER

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